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COUNTRY: PARAGUAY

SUBJ: PARAGUAYAN REACTION TO JOSEF MENGELE'S POSSIBLE
LOCATION IN PARAGUAY

DOI: MARCH 1985

SOURCE: U.S. CITIZEN, FREQUENT TRAVELER TO PARAGUAY WHO
MAINTAINS CLOSE CONTACTS IN PARAGUAY. HIS PREVIOUS
REPORTING HAS OFTEN BEEN SUBSTANTIATED.

TEXT: 1. PUBLIC OPINION IN PARAGUAY CONCERNING THE
WHEREABOUTS OF JOSEF ((MENGELE)) IS THAT IT IS "COMMON
KNOWLEDGE" THAT MENGELE WAS IN PARAGUAY IN THE 1950'S AND THAT
HE HAD OBTAINED PARAGUAYAN CITIZENSHIP/DOCUMENTATION BY VIRTUE
OF BEING SPONSORED BY A PARAGUAYAN GENERAL. THE QUESTION AMONG
PARAGUAYANS IS NOT WHETHER MENGELE WAS REALLY IN PARAGUAY, BUT
WHETHER HE WAS REALLY EXPELLED AS CLAIMED. NO ONE WITHIN OR
OUTSIDE THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO COME FORWARD
WITH POSITIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING MENGELE BECAUSE THEY WOULD
BE ACCUSED OF WITHHOLDING SUCH INFORMATION IN THE PAST. THE
PUBLIC BELIEVES THAT ANYONE WHO KNOWS OF HIS WHEREABOUTS IS
STILL INVOLVED WITH MENGELE AND PROBABLY BEING PAID OFF BY
MENGELE FOR THEIR SILENCE. PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((STROESSNER)) IS
NOT EXPECTED TO SPEAK UP ON THE TOPIC AND WILL NOT BE PRESSURED
INTO ASSISTING IN LOCATING MENGELE. (SOURCE COMMENT:
STROESSNER PROBABLY KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO MENGELE, BUT
HIS LACK OF COOPERATION IN THE RECENT DRUG PROCESSING CHEMICALS
INCIDENT IS EVIDENCE THAT STROESSNER WILL NOT BOW TO PRESSURE
TO LEND ASSISTANCE. THE SAME INDIVIDUALS IN THE GOVERNMENT WHO

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HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE WITHHOLDING OF THE COCAINE PROCESSING CHEMICALS WILL HAVE THE ANSWER TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF MENGELE.)

2. MANY PARAGUAYANS BELIEVE THAT MENGELE IS STILL IN PARAGUAY, LIVING "UNDERGROUND" HAVING UNDERGONE EXTENSIVE PLASTIC SURGERY TO ALTER HIS APPEARANCE. THE GERMAN COMMUNITY IN PARAGUAY IS NOT SUPPORTIVE OF EFFORTS TO LOCATE HIM. PRESIDENT STROESSNER CONSIDERS HIMSELF PART OF THE CLOSELY KNIT COMMUNITY WHICH WILL SUPPORT HIS LACK OF COOPERATION ON THE MENGELE CASE. (SOURCE COMMENT: IF MENGELE WAS OR IS IN PARAGUAY, HE WAS LIVING IN THE INCARNACION AREA. THERE IS A GERMAN MENNONITE COLONY IN THE CHACO AREA, BUT IT IS NOT COMPOSED OF THE SAME GERMAN MENNONITES WHO RESIDE IN THE INCARNACION AREA AND IS UNLIKELY TO SUPPORT STROESSNER'S LACK OF COOPERATION.)

3. ACCORDING TO A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE BUSINESS "FERRERTARIA ALEMANIA" IN ASUNCION, MENGELE WAS LIVING IN PARAGUAY IN THE 1950'S ALTHOUGH THE EMPLOYEE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN MENGELE AND THE FIRM. (SOURCE COMMENT: THE COMPANY WAS THE PRIMARY CONDUIT FOR GERMAN ARMS SHIPMENTS TO PARAGUAY DURING THE CHACO WAR WITH BOLIVIA IN THE MID-1930'S, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A CONNECTION WAS MADE AT THE TIME. THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE FIRM AND MENGELE MAY HAVE BEEN THROUGH DON GUILLERMO ((VOSS)), A MAIN PARTNER IN THE FIRM WHO LEFT PARAGUAY FOR GERMANY IN THE LATE 1930'S AND AFTER THE WAR RETURNED TO PARAGUAY.)

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